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DR. BOLTON

DELIVERS AN INTERESTING LECTURE TO SCIENTIFIC STUDENTS.

An Entertaining Report of the Lecture, "Chemical Books and How to Use Them."

Dr. Henry Carrington Bolton, author of "A Select Bibliography of Chemistry, 1492-1892," the standard work of the world, delivered an extremely interesting and instructive address on the 23d inst. before a large body of students of the scientific school. Students were informed that they were "expected" to attend a lecture by Dr. Bolton, entitled "Chemical Books and How to Use Them; With Notes on Indexing," a subject which promised to be as devoid of interest as a hen is of teeth and as dry as a Schweitzer sandwich, unaccompanied by a concentrated solution of fermented barley and hops. But the poster read "expected," which is simply an euphonic synonym for "compelled" in University parlance, and consequently a large body of students was in attendance. Nevertheless, in view of the fact that the University was supposed to be closed, students felt that Professor Munroe was causing class-room work to linger in the lap of the holidays, and entered the lecture hall with a slow step and an ear eagerly turned toward the street for the characteristic bray of the Christmas horn that brings to every student a smile of recollection of days not long passed when the tin horn played as important a part at Christmas as the stocking hung near the chimney.

This feeling was soon forgotten, however, when Dr. Bolton began his interesting and instructive address, which should have been heard by every student in the scientific school. Dr. Bolton is a little man, with a heavy beard, but not too heavy to hide a mirth-provoking mouth, a bright sparkling eye, full of kindness, and a merry twinkle that would do justice to Mr. S. Claus himself. Long before he had completed his lecture he was pronounced by the chemical students "a concentrated solution of knowledge charged with wit." In the presence of students the former is readily precipi-

tated into large, beautifully clear crystals, and the latter effervesces constantly during reaction.

Dr. Bolton stated that no less than 25,000 books on chemistry had been published, and 430 serials during the last four hundred years, to say nothing of the innumerable pamphlets, essays, bibliographies, theses, etc., and that the great increase of

such fundamental importance as the composition of the atmosphere." Therefore, only the newest books can, as a rule, be recommended to students.

Dr. Bolton then distributed a small pamphlet, which he stated had been especially printed for the use of the students of Columbian University, showing the proper arrange-

he was the acknowledged expert of the United States on this subject. Of the 25,000 books that have been published on chemistry, Dr. Bolton heartily recommended that every student interested in science read Johnston's "Chemistry of Common Life" and Prof. Josiah P. Cook's "New Chemistry," which bears the same relation to chemistry that Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" does to the field of fiction; Liebig's "Familiar Letters on Chemistry" (a work published as far back as 1851, and while very ancient was an epoch making work and as far as it goes is still good); F. P. Venable's "Short History of Chemistry" (pronounced as without an equal); and also, as extremely interesting to students of the scientific school, Liebig's "Autobiographical Sketch."

Dr. Bolton next spoke with reference to his "notes on indexing," and laid down some excellent advice to all students whose misfortune it is to be compelled to furnish a thesis and bibliography for a degree. At the outset he called particular attention to the terms catalogues, bibliographies, and indexes, which he stated are often used as if they were synonyms or as if they were interchangeable. This he regarded as unfortunate, believing that each has a definite significance which should be recognized. "A catalogue," he stated, "is a list of books on all subjects in a certain locality or collection; a bibliography is a list of the books on a given subject without regard to position, and an index is a systematically arranged list of papers and researches on a definite topic contained in books and serials with reference to the same."

As Dr. Bolton is the acknowledged authority of this country, and probably of the world, on the subject of chemical bibliographies his remarks as to the methods pursued by himself, resulting from years of experience, were extremely interesting.

In conclusion he recommended bibliographical research in American universities. Students would receive training in accuracy in making investigations; it would encourage a disposition to give credit to early workers in the same field as others, and it would tend to enlarge their views as to the immense domain of chemical literature, and development and publication of early works in chemistry, which busy workers in the laboratory are rarely able to look

Columbian's New Year pauses to pay tribute to the revered leader's memory.

CUT LOANED BY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON.



James C. Munroe

He watched the Columbian branch sprout and grow until a healthy tree, with sturdy limbs reaching to every quarter from which the wind doth blow, stood a monument to his genius and enthusiasm. A kindly, cultured, chivalrous man "in many tongues he sought the thoughts of men."

these books during the last century was attributable to the natural growth of the science and to the increasing tendency to specialize. "There is no branch of scientific literature," he remarked, "in which books depreciate so rapidly in value as those on physics and chemistry. The discovery of Argon, for instance, had necessitated the rewriting of all chemical text-books on a subject of

ment of chemical books. He remarked that he was afraid to offer this book to Columbian students in the presence of Professor Munroe because it contained no word about "high explosives," but he added, "you will have to study chemistry a long time before you will come to high explosives," and then paid Professor Munroe a high tribute for his work in high explosives, stating that

up. Lord Rayleigh, presiding at the Montreal meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1884, said: "By a fiction as remarkable as any to be found in law, what has once been published, even though it be in the Russian language, is usually spoken of as 'known,' and it is often forgotten that the rediscovery in the library may be a more difficult and uncertain process than the first discovery in the laboratory."

University News.

The members of the foot ball team are requested to meet at Stalee's photograph gallery Monday afternoon at 2:30, to have a negative made for Call illustration.

Academy.

If Prof. Jackson does not believe that there is a warm place for him among the Academy boys it is certainly not their fault, as they tried to show it when they greeted him at his interesting lecture last Friday on "Switzerland."

Last Monday the graduating class of '96 met to elect officers. The results were as follows: Treasurer, M. E. Dow, secretary, F. N. Everett, president, M. F. Lanza. On Friday the class met again and admitted, besides the graduates, Messrs. Cummings, Dow, Everett, Fugitt, Gwynn, Holmead, Lanza, Owens, Spear, W. Sterrett and Weaver—also all those who take one or more studies in the Senior Class. This determines Bacon, Bell, Biscoe, Bittinger, Cabrera, Caldwell, Chittenden, Gana, Greenlaw, Lindsey, Morgan, Ritchie, Rittenour and Van Auken as members. Enthusiasm for the new year prevails all around.

Gasquet di Zerega has lately had some throat trouble, but was lively enough to tell Prof. Pyne the other day that the whole school couldn't put him out, and many believe it.

A propos of the professor it is only justice to observe that he was misquoted in this column last week. The statement was turned round. The professor really was strongly in favor of a holiday, as he thought the boys deserved it.

Oscar Mechlin and Quirof Harlan, former "Prep" boys, have been seen at the Academy lately.

With the new year there will be several changes for the better in the building. We expect some new blackboards, and over the door the historic legend, which has given such a name to the school and to many boys, will probably be removed and "Academy" substituted.

Law School.

Fred Dennett, law, '94, in the Senate reorganization will be clerk to the Committee on Library of the Senate. This is one of the good places of that body, and Columbian congratulates the ex-representative of the Dakota General Assembly on his luck.

Columbian Law School has reason to be proud of Dennett in another direction, for he has recently received notice that he passed the District bar examination at the top of the list, making an average of 84½ out of a possible 90 points. The class of '94, to which he belonged, has done well in the bar tests, for in the June examination R. L. Russell, naval officer, now cruising around the world on one of the Government war vessels, got the best average in the class.

The Richmond, Va., *Times* has this relative to a member of the law class of '94, who was president of his class.

Mr. Malcolm A. Coles, the delegate from Northumberland, is a member of the opposition. He defeated Mr. Benjamin Chambers, the chairman of the Democratic party, of that county. Mr. Coles is pledged to securing a better election, and won his seat on that issue. He is one of the most promising politicians in the State, and his friends predict that he will be heard from some day.

Leaving college, Mr. Coles joined the United States Coast and Geodetic survey, spending several years in this service. He then went to Washington and studied law, graduated, and returned to his old home, in Northumberland, where he entered politics last fall. Rumor says that he is soon to wed the charming daughter of one of Virginia's most-distinguished lawyers.

Frank T. Geutsch of the Post-graduates, who is a clerk in the Pension office, has been promoted.

C. C. Wells of the law school has the sympathy of his fellow students, in the loss of his mother, who passed away at her Iowa home last week. Press of work and the long distance prevented Mr. Wells attending the funeral, and as a result the new year does not bring the same joy to his breast that it does to other Columbians.

J. W. Gardner, law, is receiving the congratulations on being appointed private secretary to Representative Griswold of Pennsylvania.

Addison T. Smith, law '95, has fallen into a good berth in the Senate reorganization. He has been made clerk to the Committee on Education and Labor, Senator Shoup, chairman. It pays \$2,240, and the supposition of cigars in addition.

PRIZE WINNERS

Who Gained Distinction in the June Contest of 1895.

A GALAXY OF LEGAL LIGHTS.

The friends of Columbian University have materially strengthened the University's influence by giving a number of prizes in the form of moneys and medals to be contested for in various departments. To the man or woman of studious tastes the incentive for hard work is double, for in addition to the knowledge acquired there comes the chance to pit brain against brain and stand to win a prize and accompanying honor in some contest. The history of the work and the personnel of the students who have this secured recognition in the past shows that the honors have been hotly contested for, and the records made will compare favorably with similar work in any institution of this country. At no time has the prize gone begging nor have indifferent productions been rewarded. The spirit of emulation is rife in the college halls, and a diploma from Columbian is worth what the inscription on the face of the parchment declares it to be worth.

The year eighteen hundred and ninety-five had a full quota of talented students struggling for recognition at the hands of the faculty. In some of the fields the contests were close, and the successful ones were only determined upon after much deliberation by those in power.

In the Law School this was particularly true. The two most important prizes awarded in this department are the Parker prize, founded by Myron M. Parker Esq., amounting to One Hundred dollars, and the Britton prize of fifty dollars, founded by Alexander T. Britton, Esq., of the District. The first of these is awarded to the student passing the best examination for the degree of bachelor of laws, and the second to the one passing the best examination for the degree of master of laws.

The lucky contestant for the Parker prize is a Washington boy, Edgar H. May, born here in the District in the year 1873. Some



men are born with studious habits and others acquire them, but they are thrust on no one. May works because he was born that way. He completed the course of instruction at the Washington public schools graduating from the High school in June, 1890. He entered the law department of the University in October, '93, and was a "grind" from the start. He is modest and unassuming, liked by his fellows and tremendously in earnest in whatever he undertakes. It was the unanimous sentiment of the class of '95 that in awarding him the Parker prize, thoroughness, application and a well-grounded knowledge of the law had received fitting recognition.

James McIlvaine Gray carried away the Britton prize of the Post-graduate course, and in doing so simply kept up the record he inagu-



rated since he first started into the business of acquiring knowledge. A brief glance at his life will convince anyone that nature has been kind to him in the way of natural gifts. As they say in the Kentucky horse country he is "bred right." Pennsylvania has the honor of being his birth place, and his ancestry shows a cross of Scotch and German. Can anyone beat a Pennsylvania Dutchman for work? At an early age our subject went to Nebraska, where the most of his schooling was received. He graduated from the Alma, Nebraska High School as valedictorian and entered Columbian law school in January, '93, getting his L. L. B. degree in '94, and his L. L. M. in '95. In '94 he captured the Parker prize, in a class of eighty-five members; first Essay prize of forty dollars, Lowdermilk prize, law books, for the best legal essay, and his general average was the best of his class. This same year he represented his class on the Prize Debate, and so well satisfied were they with his argument that he was again chosen to represent them, with one exception the only man in the history of the law school thus honored. Mr. Gray is now practicing before the Washington bar, and is preparing a work on fraudulent conveyances that will be published in February. He is a pronounced Republican, has mixed

some in politics; was employed by the National Republican Committee, in 1892 and since then has held a clerkship in the Interior department. He is utterly fearless in the advocacy of his ideas and shines with remarkable clearness when opposing factions clash.

One of the contestants in the annual prize debate last June was a middle-statured man whose brain outweighs his hair a thousand to one. In debate his bearing is judicial and his style logical. His sentences are often epigrammatic, and he coins a word or a phrase whenever the occasion seems to demand it. The judges were impressed with his argument and Harry C. Evans, of Iowa, was finally declared the rightful holder of the first place in the debate.

Mr. Evans at present is a chief of department in the office of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, but he grew up in Iowa, and by profession is a newspaper man. He has been guilty of all the tasks assigned to a



pencil shaver's lot, from inking presses to writing heavy leaders on international complications. At the University he has shown a marked tendency toward earning class honors. He was the historian and editor of the class-book of the class of '95, and with the able assistance of Addison T. Smith, '95, he compiled a biographical work that is treasured by every man fortunate enough to possess one.

When the present post graduate class organized he was almost unanimously elected president, an honor that by reason of his executive ability and class service he was richly entitled. Harry C. Evans is a Jeffersonian Democrat of conservative type, simple and honest of nature, with an infinite appetite for learning and telling good stories. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of the faculty and gives every indication of making a "go" of it when it once actively enters the practice.

The committee of judges declared J. Martin Scranage, a citizen of West Virginia, rightfully entitled to the second prize in the debate. Mr. Scranage is of American parentage, born at Bootlesville, W. Va., where his common school education was re-

ceived. He afterwards attended the State Normal School at Fairmount, that State. In July, '94, he received an appointment in the Geological Survey, and soon afterwards entered



Columbian Law School. He immediately sprang into prominence as an active debater, the possessor of a strong vocabulary, with a plentiful stock of ideas to enforce positions he assumes. He won the esteem of his class and was chosen, with Orin Patterson of Missouri, to represent them in the prize debate. His effort was an able one, and his supporters pronounced him a sure winner. He talks readily and plausibly, and has an affable, generous manner that makes and holds friends.

The First Prize Essay was the honor borne by Adolph Monelle Sayre. He was born in New Jersey, but has spent most of his life in Washington. His education so far has been mostly obtained from the departments of Columbian. In the preparatory department he captured the Montague Latin medal, the Roome Greek medal and the Lodge French medal. He soon after entered the law department, where he took an active part in everything that pertained to the advancement of Columbian. He represented the law school on the intercollegiate debate with Georgetown, and won distinction for the scholarly and vigorous argument he delivered on that occasion. He possesses an unusually retentive mind and for so young a man has made a wonderful advance into the fields that are looked upon as the peculiar property of the *savant* and the *literati*. Mr. Sayre is now pursuing his studies at Harvard.

Arthur F. Cosby, winner of the second essay prize (\$30) is a District boy, who, after an education at Washington schools, went to Harvard, where he got his A. B. degree in '94. He was a thorough student, two prominent characteristics being glistening *pinc-nez* and a pair of square, muscular shoulders. He developed at an early age a strong propensity for paying attention to his own business and letting other people pay attention to their business. His essay was marked by care in

detail and conclusion, and was a production that, in the minds of the judges, deserved special note and commendation.

Andrew Y. Bradley, the winner of the third essay prize (\$20), is another son of the District. His biography shows that he celebrates September 21, 1873, as his birth-day, and that the most of his education has been received at Columbian University. He holds a position in the clerk's office of the Supreme Court of the District. Mr. Bradley possesses a studious and artistic temperament, and can enlarge upon special traverse and play the piano equally well. Regarding the prize he won, he is disposed to wax facetious. His subject was "Contributory Negligence," and he holds that the judges allowed him recognition solely because he failed to agree with the decisions of the Supreme Court in his conclusions.

Despite the depreciating manner in which he discusses his legal thesis, the treatment that he accorded the subject satisfied the committee and he was named an honor man.

THE FIRST SUIT.

"Oh, maiden fair, why wilt thou
Not hear my ardent plea?"
The suitor argued specially,
Upon his bended knees.

The maiden's replication came,
In accents soft and low,
As she turned her eyes upon him—
And winked her Trilby toe.

"Nay, nay, Pauline, it can not be,
Until to me you prove,
That you have sufficient practice
To substantiate your love.

"When you have an income,
Of, at least ten thousand say,
Then I'll join issue with you,
And promptly name the day.

C. K. M.

In Love With Her Wheel.

Miss Della Fox, whose blue eyes are filling the chappies' souls with anguish at the National this week, is not only a success as a dainty queen of opera bouffe, but in addition, she makes some pretensions in athletics. She is quite a success on the bicycle, having started this pleasure to reduce avoirdupois. Her wheel is a Columbia, and she takes as much pride in it as other stars do their diamonds

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THE VISION OF WAR.

IT is the belief of the optimist that the last great war of the world has taken place. The conservative hopes this is true, although he is inclined to doubt the assertion when he notes the constant preparation for hostilities among the great powers of Europe.

Considering her isolated position it would seem that the chances of the United States being drawn into a great struggle are small indeed, and yet the present situation of affairs does not make such a condition impossible. The Venezuelan matter has developed ugly phases. It is true that a majority of the statesmen versed in international complications, see no cause for alarm in the present situation. They hold that the Commission, which the President is to appoint, will carefully investigate the dispute, report a solution, which with some modifications Great Britain will undoubtedly accept and the United States will emphasize its dignity and power and the Monroe Doctrine will again be affirmed.

This looks plain and easy enough and certainly is a consumation devoutly to be wished, but suppose England refuses to admit our right to interfere. What then? The program is quite as easy to predict, but the results are not as pleasant to contemplate. It would mean some sharp correspondence between

the premiers of both countries, followed by cablegrams to ironclads to hurry to the home ports, and then the inevitable declaration of war. Nations have thrown out armed lines on less pretexts than this.

War would mean horror, gloom, debt and interminable rows of little green mounds. It would mean passions that generations to come would supply with fuel. It would mean a check to progress and civilization that a century of hard work would not efface. But it settles matters of dispute beyond point of controversy. The arbitrament of arms is secured in the costliest tribunal of the world, but from its judgment there is no appeal, and the position we hold to-day is the result of the decisions of that blood-stained court.

No honest, conservative citizen ever raises the cry for war, except in *denier resort*. In the present situation it is the last argument to be considered. But should every expedient known to the diplomatic world fail in securing the proper recognition of the Monroe Doctrine and war stare us in the face, we have faith to believe that the Republic will gird herself for conflict with the same lofty courage and splendid vigor that marked her sons in the struggles of the past.

A NEW DANIEL.

AMONG the college publications of the District is one entitled *The Howard Standard*. It is devoted primarily to the dissemination of the thoughts and convictions of Rev. J. E. Rankin, president of Howard University, and incidentally it tells of the achievements of the school and its alumni. The issue of December, 1895, contains as feature articles, Dr. Rankin's Baccalaureate address of last year, some very clever Scotch dialect poetry, with his initials affixed, and an editorial which he inspired, on the Columbian inauguration ceremonies at Convention Hall, November 15, last.

In this last the good doctor waxes wroth at what he is pleased to call the "disorderly cheering" of the students. He claims that they literally gave President Whitman "Hail Columbia," and the expression, "And Satan came also," seemed to be true. He regrets that learned men should be insulted and people disgusted by unseemly actions.

It was, no doubt, a revelation to the *Standard's* editor, this tremendous concourse of people with their wonderful good will for Columbian. It was hard to handle such a gathering as smaller ones are handled.

There was not an ill-natured person present, and every student that took part had just as high esteem for the prominent speakers present as Howard's president himself. But sometimes human nature lets itself out, long pent-up feelings find expression, and the followers of the Orange and the Blue on this occasion were up in a blue ether of excitement. Men who have watched the great national political conventions of the last decade have always been impressed by the animal spirits that seem to control the auditoriums. One of the greatest orators in this country stood helpless in the presence of a popular demonstration at one of them. He was broad enough to see that it meant no reflection upon him, and in an interview said there are periods when humanity seems mad with the spirit of the hour. The Doctor may term them "barbarous yells" if he thinks it wise, but in the calm aftermath we know that these same despised yells, burst forth from human throats at the prospect of another forward swing of the pendulum.

On the evening in question six thousand people had heard the tramp of Columbia's glory sounded, and a swirl of enthusiasm and popular joy greeted the gladsome sound. No institution south of the New England States has ever had such a gathering in its honor, and no institution's followers ever responded so willingly and unanimously to the order, "Advance."

But the *Standard* goes further and passes judgment on President Whitman's address. This would seem a proper course for any college publication that might feel it had the qualifications to do so. But in this instance the question of taste and tact enters into the matter. This editorial writer is himself a president of an institution of learning. He is called upon at times to address public bodies, and so he might with propriety have thrown aside the cloak of the critic and possibly omitted the sentence in which, referring to the address, he says: "In style it lacked variety, being almost exclusively of short epigrammatic utterances, all of them well conceived, some of them witty, some of them brilliant. There were no great impressive periods, but the composition was a mosaic of beautiful forms, which left a pleasant and wholesome impression, etc."

It is a delicate matter for one worker to criticize another in the same field of labor. Every man has his own style of address. If he marks it with his personality and shows a distinction to follow

the directions of the rhetoric and other text books on style in composition the more apt he is to find weight and favor with the public. Ex-Senator Evarts indulged in long sentences, rounded periods, and filled the Senate galleries. Ex-Senator Ingalls was epigrammatic, and a phrase coiner of remarkable ability. Neither followed stereotyped lines and both made wonderful reputations as speakers. Their productions may not have suited the critics but they did the people. But in this instance, as we said in the beginning, the *Standard's* criticism resolves itself into a question of taste and tact.

The article as a whole may be pronounced fair, except that it is sicklied o'er with the green cast of doubt. It shows an undercurrent that damns with faint praise, and to that we object.

"'Tis a strange world, my masters," and stranger still it seems since this new Daniel has come to judgment.

Justice David J. Brewer.



Late Wednesday evening the President announced the commission to investigate the Venezuelan controversy. At the head of the list is the name of Justice David J. Brewer, whom all Columbians delight to honor.

No worthier appointment could have been made. Calm, learned, and dispassionate the Justice will give to the duty assigned him the experience and knowledge that comes with long association with great public men and events.

His reputation as a jurist rests largely on his familiarity with the law of corporations and international complications. As chairman of the commission he has another rare opportunity to add to his already rich record.

Columbian Law School in particular extends warmest congratulations to her instructor in corporation law.

The following from the Congressional Directory is a brief epitome of the Justice's life:

David Josiah Brewer, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was born in Smyrna, Asia Minor, June 20, 1837; is the son of Rev. Josiah Brewer and Emilia A. Field, sister of David Dudley, Cyrus W., and Justice Stephen J. Field; his father was an early missionary to Turkey; was graduated from Yale College in 1856 and from the Albany Law School in 1858; established himself in his profession at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1859, where he resided until he removed to Washington to enter upon his present duties; in 1861 was appointed United States Commissioner; from 1862 to 1865 was Judge of the Probate and Criminal Courts of Leavenworth County; from 1865 to 1869 was Judge of the District Court; from 1869 to 1870 was County Attorney of Leavenworth; in 1870 was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of his State, and re-elected in 1876 and 1882; in 1884 was appointed Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eighth District; was appointed to his present position, to succeed Justice Stanley Matthews, deceased, in December, 1889, and was commissioned December 18, 1889.

TRANSIENT AND PERMANENT.

The old tune of Scotland, the Bonnie Dundee,
As I walked to my love-lot, went crooning with me;
For the red fruit had ripened, the bloom was no more,
I must know of my fate ere the twilight be o'er.

But my true-love was false love, she would not of me,
For the joy of another she flouted my plea.
And the stem of six years in one moment was bare;
Then I turned and I wandered, and I hummed the old air.

And my chamber embraced me, with rest as it might,
And I rose on the morning and fronted the light;
I had stepped from my bondage, up forward and free,
And there murmured within me Bonnie Dundee.

COLUMBIAN.

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An Able Article.

In the *Educational Review* for December, there is a thoughtful article by Dr. George J. Smith, instructor in English in the Columbian University, on "A High School Course in English." The discussion moves around two foci. In the first place the author considers the scope of the high school curriculum in English literature, maintaining that it should contain two parallel studies, namely: composition and the literatures of America and England. A number of interesting suggestions as to the proper conduct of such studies are given under this head. The writer, then, in the second place, considers what correlations of English literature may profitably occupy the student's attention. An outline sketch of the instruction that might properly be followed upon several great masterpieces mentioned is then given.

Society Doings.

Meeting of the Corcoran Scientific Society.

The tri-weekly meeting of the students of the students of the Corcoran Scientific School was held December 23 in the Post-graduate law lecture room. An unusually large number of students was in attendance and the meeting was pronounced by all as one of the most successful yet held by this new organization.

President Biehl presided and opened the meeting by introducing Professor H. L. Hodgkins who, he stated, had kindly consented to read a paper before the Society.

Professor Hodgkins, who was vociferously received by the students, then read a paper bearing the unique title of "The Poetry of Mathematics." In a masterly and extremely and extremely interesting manner he almost persuaded his hearers that the "music of the spheres" really carried with it as much harmony and tone as the song of the Sirens; and those students who had scaled with Professor Hodgkins the cliff of mathematics, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Analytics, and Calculus remembered with peculiar feelings what "a song and dance" time of it they had in reaching the "upper C" (Calculus).

"Whatever," said Professor Hodgkins, "arouses the feelings which we call poetic—is not that poetry in the true sense? And if when we are aroused by Latin lines, by Greek lines, or by English lines, we call such lines poetry—does not the same name apply to the algebraic line which does the same thing?" (And a hundred mental answers came back, "Yes Professor, if we can strike the metre of the algebraic line that gives the proper answer.")

Among other things Professor Hodgkins said: "Mathematics has its alphabet, its grammar, its dictionary, which must be studied as carefully and as thoroughly as those of any other language, if one desires success in the subject. And when they have been so studied, and when, therefore, the language of mathematics is readily understood, it is found to be as expressive, in many directions, as that language which we use in our daily speech.

"And if the one language is known to us, is a part of us, it can be used as a proper medium for the expression of poetry—and why not the other? If we read an equation expressed in all the seeming complexity which the alphabet and language of

mathematics permits, and that equation expresses to our minds, and pictures to our imaginations facts and beauties which the English alphabet and language permit, would arouse emotions properly to be termed poetic, are we not justified in claiming *in that instance*, the mathematics is poetical? And instances where the images created by equations, processes, and results are pleasure-causing abound in every department of mathematics—both pure and applied—and they are pleasure-causing from beauty of form, from beauty of usefulness, and from that beauty of suggestiveness which makes them to produce other images, likewise emotion-stimulating.

"Surely upon the tomb of Archimedes, that noble man whose body died two thousand years ago, whose influence and work live yet—surely upon his tomb the sphere inscribed in a cylinder, carved at his request in memory of his notable discoveries in regard to those two figures, is a more poetic epitaph than the one of doggerel verse upon the tomb of a Shakespeare of these later centuries."

"The ancients were right" concluded Professor Hodgkins, "when they spoke of the 'music of the spheres,' for it is only to such music that this song of the universe can be set."

The address was received with much enthusiasm.

The society next proceeded to the consideration of the routine business. President Biehl made the announcement that subscriptions would be in order for the banner of the Scientific school already furnished. His appeal was answered in such a prompt and generous manner that it brought the tears to his eyes.

The meeting terminated by a general introduction of all present.

Among those present were Miss Cameron, the vice-president; Miss Merrillat, Miss Shade, Mrs. Bickford, Miss Clansey, Miss Doyle, Miss Allen, Miss West; Messrs. Reisner, Hull, Cross, Brown, Broun, Marean, Rose, Todd, Tower, Bieler, Wilson, Dalbear, Butler, Hays, Lewis, Campbell, Berry, and others.

Hermesian.

President Everett called a special meeting last week to give out information regarding the special Christmas order. Mr. Lanza's resignation was also read but not accepted. W. Ritchie then made an amendment to the constitution to the effect that hereafter instead of three judges the whole society, excepting the contestants, shall consider the question,

voting by voice for the decision, by ballot for respective marks. Carried. Friday the society met, with full attendance. Motions were made by Messrs. C. H. H. Holmead and Lanza regarding a committee to arrange the archives of the society, the giving to the school a portrait of Columbian's first president, the appointment of a sergeant-at-arms and the assignment of seats in the hall to certain members. All carried. The committee appointed consists of M. E. Dow, Holmead and Lanza. Then came off the special order, the holding of a Republican National Convention. Much excitement and howling ensued, the one consequent upon the other, till finally at a late hour the convention adjourned, leaving the G. O. P. without even a leader. Mr. John Wright was present with a friend, as were also Profs. Wilbur and Jackson, the latter delivering a short, enthusiastic speech.

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There was only one feature needed to complete the Christmas Day game, and that was the presence of the University of Virginia eleven. True, a good game was presented to the spectators, but the result was similar to a production of Hamlet with the melancholy Dane conspicuous in his absence.

Up to the hour of the contest there was still hope in the breasts of the Columbian managers that the team from Charlottesville would put in an appearance and everything go merry as the 'Xmas bells. Rumors of a misunderstanding had been rife Tuesday, and R. S. Barrett, Jr., the ex-manager of the foot ball association, had been dispatched to Charlottesville with instructions to make final arrangements and return with the Virginians if possible. The mission failed, however, and he got back just in time to allow the Columbian management to gather together a scratch eleven, and pull off a stout, snappy game of foot ball, with some 2,000 people as interested spectators.

The opposing eleven contained a majority of C. A. C. men, and was captained by that omnipresent, inflammable-voiced "Cotton" Clark. "Cotton," it may be remarked parenthetically, is a section of highly colored, kaleidoscopic action, framed in a dado of straw-colored hair, and a pair of hysterical feet. In moments of excitement his voice skates dangerously near the thin ice of high C, but that don't prevent him playing good foot ball, and that he does play that kind of ball will be testified to by any of the gentlemen who battled for the orange and the blue in the Christmas Day game.

A good many were disappointed because the Virginians were not to play. The management refunded the gate money to all who were not satisfied with the proposed game, and every effort was made to please the people.

The line up of the teams was as follows:

Columbian.	Positions.	All Washington.
Mills.....	Left end.....	Walsh
Doolittle.....	Left tackle.....	Hecox
Busey.....	Left guard.....	A. McConville
Harlan.....	Center.....	Johnson
Cumming.....	Right guard.....	D. McConville
Gambrell.....	Right tackle.....	McGowan
Harris.....	Right end.....	Wisner
Acton.....	Quarter back.....	Parsons
McDonald.....	Left half-back.....	Avis
Cockrell.....	Right half-back.....	Underwood
Weaver.....	Full-back.....	Clark

Phil King, Princeton's erstwhile quarter back acted as referee, while Frank Butterworth, who has entered Columbian law school recently, was the umpire. Butterworth, by the way, is fresh from a western trip, where he has been coaching some California foot ball teams at "big money." His work at Yale has put him in a position as foot ball authority that will probably go unchallenged for years.

It was Columbian's ball in the toss up, and after a splendid kick she scored a down. Captain Cockrell, as usual, was the life of the 'Varsity game, and distinguished

yards without interference. He was finally downed, but not until he was well into the enemy's territory. Clark at this stage was playing a nervous, snappy game, and in a few minutes he superintended the track of the ball toward Columbian's goal. He was materially assisted by Avis, whose gain of fifteen yards put them dangerously near the goal line. For some time it was give and take on twenty square feet of soil, and then some one passed the ball to Phil Wisner, and slipping around Columbian's left he made the coveted touch-down. Clark kicked goal and the score was 6-4 in favor of All-Washington.



ROBERT MANTELL.

himself in the first few minutes of play by breaking through the enemy's line twice and once gaining 15 yards before he was tackled and thrown. In ten minutes the 'Varsity scored their only touchdown and so rapid was the work down the field that the spectators thought the 'Varsity had their work done. But the shouting. After making the touchdown McDonald failed to kick back to the waiting Columbians, and thus the chance to try for goal was lost. "Cotton" Clark made a good long kick for All-Washington, which Cockrell caught, and turned the tide by making a rapid run of thirty-five

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Clark opened with a phenomenal kick. The ball soared aloft and then toward the 'Varsity goal line at an alarming rate. Cockrell, though, by nimble movements succeeded in getting under it, and by a quick dash recovered some of the lost ground. The orange and blue also secured ten yards for off side playing. In a pass Weaver secured the ball and gained thirty yards for Co-

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lumbian by a good kick. At this juncture Avis was badly hurt. His ankle was wrenched so severely that he had to be carried from the field. Clapp, of the 'Varsity, was substituted. It is the 'Varsity's ball, and Aiten made a long kick of thirty yards, which Clark got, carrying the ball back to center. Here he lost it to Cockrell, who afterward lost it on downs.

The third touchdown was soon secured by All Washington, who failed to kick goal. Before the whistle blew the close of the game Eddie Mills and Clark had distinguished themselves by rapid passing and snake-like runs.

At the finish the score was 10 to 4 in favor of All Washington.

Phi Kappa Psi Notes.

Friday, December 20th, was a red letter day for D. C. Alpha, as on that date we were honored by a visit from Brother Alden, late of Kansas Alpha, but now a member of our law school. Brother Alden is a first-class fellow, as all Phi Psis will testify.

There were also with us Brother McCulloch, medical, and Brother Tubman, one of our alumni.

After the discussion of several weighty matters of state, a new lamb was received into the fold in the person of Mr. Chas. H. James, '97 medical. We take great pleasure in introducing Brother James to the University and to the fraternity at large.



JULIUS STEGER.

It is to be regretted that the proposed game did not come off as advertised. Had this game taken place and the 'Varsity won Columbian would have entered the gridiron contests of '96 with plenty of enthusiasm and prestige. A goal-winning team would not only have been a possibility but a probability. As it stands now the public is inclined to blame some one, and this feeling of dissatisfaction will have to be smoothed down. The CALL blames no one, but regrets, as does every true University man, that the unfortunate misunderstanding should have arisen.

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This week Della Fox in her new opera, "Fleur-de-lis," is playing to full houses.

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Graduate Club of the Columbian University.

A meeting of graduates and students of the School of Graduate Studies was held Monday evening, December 30, for the purpose of organizing a Graduate Club, similar to those already established at Harvard, Columbia, and other leading universities. A temporary organization was effected, with Mr. M. M. Ramsey as president, Hon. J. M. Reynolds as vice-president, and Miss Louise Conolly as secretary and treasurer. A committee of three, with Dr. Charles E. Munroe as chairman, was designated by the president to formulate a constitution and by-laws. The Hon. J. M. Reynolds was appointed a delegate to represent the interests of the club at the annual convention of graduate clubs, which is to be held in Philadelphia on January 3d and 4th.

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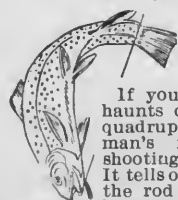
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